THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

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WRIT PETITION NO. 25209 of 2005

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DATED: 29.11.2005

Between:

Yellabilli Veera Raju S/o.Polaiah
Visakhapatnam Steel Plant,
R/o.D.No.18-35-19, Babu Jagjeevan Ram Nagar,
Durgavanipalem RHC, Visakhapatnam-530044.

..... PETITIONER

AND

The Deputy General Manager (CO),
Visakhapatnam Steelplant Visakhapatnam and another.

.....RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

The petitioner was working as khalasi in the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant. Through his proceedings, dated 04.08.2005, the first respondent removed the petitioner from service on the ground that he remained unauthorisedly absent for a long time at various spells. The petitioner states that he preferred an appeal before the second respondent in accordance with the relevant Service Rules, on 16.08.2005 and complains that it has not been disposed of as yet.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri V.Ravinder Rao, learned

Standing Counsel for the respondents.

On being removed from service through order, dated 04.08.2005, the petitioner availed the remedy of appeal as provided for under the relevant statutory rules. It is not as if the appeal is pending for an unduly long period. Hardly three months have elapsed from the date of presentation of the appeal.

It is represented that the appeal is subsequently made over to the competent authority. The record need to be called for and the appellate authority must have sufficient time to hear the appeal. However, in view of the fact that the petitioner is out of service, the appeal needs to be taken up for hearing on priority basis.

For the foregoing reasons, the writ petition is disposed of directing the appellate authority to pass appropriate orders in the appeal preferred by the petitioner against the order dated 04.08.2005, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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